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## Shell Eggs Broken Up 7 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 181 million dozen during October 2007, up 7 percent from October a year ago, and 10 percent above the 165 million broken last month.

October 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. October 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2007 through October, shell eggs broken totaled 1.68 billion dozen, down 1 percent from the comparable period in 2006. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2007 was 2.19 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2006.

Data presented in this report were compiled from Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection reports. The best available data at the time of publication were used.

### Special Note

Beginning with this month's release of the *Egg Products* report, NASS changed the term "liquid" to "product". This change will not impact the data series. However, it will make the publication wording more consistent with the FSIS terms used in collecting the data.

**Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected,  
United States, October 2007**

Inspected Item	Oct 2006	Sep <sup>1</sup> 2007	Oct 2007	Percent of	
				Oct 2006	Sep 2007
	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Shell Eggs Broken	169,117	164,958	180,888	107	110
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Edible Product from Shell Eggs Broken					
Whole	145,732	141,303	155,303	107	110
White	48,212	47,228	54,252	113	115
Yolk	25,369	25,598	28,355	112	111
Total	219,313	214,129	237,910	108	111
Inedible Product from Shell Eggs Broken	18,683	18,481	20,478	110	111

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, Cumulative,  
United States, January-October, 2006-07**

Inspected Item	Period		2007 as % of 2006
	Jan-Oct, 2006	Jan-Oct, 2007	
	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Shell Eggs Broken	1,699,868	1,678,254	99
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Edible Product from Shell Eggs Broken			
Whole	1,404,444	1,404,166	100
White	521,825	514,461	99
Yolk	280,587	274,247	98
Total	2,206,856	2,192,874	99
Inedible Product from Shell Eggs Broken	188,443	191,503	102

**Reliability of Egg Product Estimates**

**Data Sources:** Data for the "Egg Products" report are obtained from Egg Products Volume Reports (FSIS Form 5200-11) completed by inspectors of FSIS, USDA. FSIS is responsible for administering a mandatory inspection program for egg products under the authority of the Egg Products Inspection Act of 1970. The act and its associated regulations require that all commercial egg breaking and processing plants operate under continuous USDA supervision. Reports are currently received from approximately 60 plants. Plant management provides monthly volume data to the resident USDA inspector at the applicable plant.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release.

**Procedures and Reliability:** FSIS reviews plant data for accuracy and completeness and provides NASS a data file. NASS reviews the data for unusual values. The egg products estimates are based on a census of all commercial egg breaking and processing plants, therefore, there are no statistical estimation and sampling errors.

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